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## USDA RELEASES JUNE ACREAGE SURVEY RESULTS

It was a warm 2012 spring in Delaware and Maryland with timely but not excessive precipitation which has resulted in high seed germination rates. Planting of row crops got off to a fast start and has put corn development ahead of normal. Harvest of small grains is also occurring earlier than normal, allowing planting of double-crop soybeans to advance earlier than normal. Soil moisture conditions are now short in many areas and rains will be needed in early July. According to the 2012 "Acreage Report" released on June 29<sup>th</sup> by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, farmers have increased acreages of barley, winter wheat, corn and soybeans in Delaware over 2011 levels, while Maryland producers planted more winter wheat and barley than in 2011, but corn acreage is down slightly and soybean acreage is unchanged.

**Maryland:** Maryland farmers are expected to plant 490,000 acres of corn in 2012, down 10,000 acres from 2011. They expect to harvest 425,000 acres for grain, with the remaining acreage harvested for silage or other uses. Soybean acreage is expected to increase 2 percent to 480,000 acres. Farmers also report that they will harvest 210,000 acres of winter wheat and 46,000 acres of barley in 2012. Summer potato farmers will harvest 2,100 acres, down 5 percent from last year. In addition, farmers expect to harvest 35,000 acres of alfalfa and 185,000 acres of other types of hay.

**Delaware:** Delaware farmers indicate that they have planted 195,000 acres of corn this spring, up 5,000 acres from 2011. A total of 187,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain with the remaining acres harvest for silage or other uses. Farmers indicate that they will also plant 180,000 acres of soybeans, up 6 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted is set at 85,000 acres and barley planted at 38,000 acres, the highest barley planted acreage since 1997 when barley planted was 40,000 acres. Farmers expect to harvest 82,000 acres of winter wheat and 34,000 acres of barley in the upcoming weeks. Summer potato farmers will harvest 1,400 acres, down 12 percent from last year. Hay will be cut from an estimated 5,000 acres of alfalfa and 10,000 acres of other types of hay.

**United States:** Corn planted area for all purposes in 2012 is estimated at 96.4 million acres, up 5 percent from last year and represents the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted. Growers expect to harvest 88.9 million acres for grain, up 6 percent from last year.

**Soybean** planted area for 2012 is estimated at 76.1 million acres, up 1 percent from last year and is the third highest on record. Area for harvest, at 75.3 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2011. Record high planted acreage is estimated in New York, North Dakota, and Pennsylvania, and the planted area in South Dakota ties the previous record high.

**ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 2011 AND 2012**

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Planted</i>		<i>Harvested</i>		<i>Average Yield</i>		<i>Production</i>	
		<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>

***Maryland***

***1,000 Acres***

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Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	500	490	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	430	425	109	----	46,870	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	16	----	960	----
Soybeans <sup>1</sup>	BU	470	480	465	475	38.5	----	17,903	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	260	295	190	210	66	63	12,540	11,340
Barley	BU	50	58	36	46	80	----	2,880	----
Hay, All	TON	----	----	220	220	2.65	----	584	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	35	35	4.0	----	140	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	185	185	2.4	----	444	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	3.9	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	300	----	660	----

***Delaware***

***1,000 Acres***

***1,000***

Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	190	195	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	182	187	130	----	23,660	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	6	----	14	----	84	----
Soybeans <sup>1</sup>	BU	170	180	168	178	39	----	6,552	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	80	85	75	82	69	----	5,175	----
Barley	BU	35	38	32	34	88	----	2,816	----
Hay, All	TON	----	----	15	15	2.53	----	38	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	5	5	3.0	----	15	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	10	10	2.3	----	23	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	250	----	400	----

***United States***

***1,000,000***

Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	91,921	96,405	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn, Grain	BU	----	----	83,981	88,851	147.2	----	12,358	----
Corn, Silage	TON	----	----	5,928	----	18.4	----	109	----
Soybeans <sup>1</sup>	BU	74,976	76,080	73,636	75,315	41.5	----	3,056	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	40,646	41,819	32,314	35,023	46.2	47.3	1,494	1,684
Barley	BU	2,559	3,678	2,239	3,268	69.6	----	156	----
All Hay	TON	----	----	55,633	57,669	2.36	----	131	----
Hay, Alfalfa	TON	----	----	19,213	18,827	3.40	----	65	----
Hay, Other	TON	----	----	36,420	38,842	1.81	----	66	----
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	9.4	----
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.03	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	48.2	48.1	46	47	282	----	13.0	----